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SUBJECT: ECONADS: BASKET II CONSULTATIONS

REF: NATO 8371

1. FOLLOWING ARE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON ED/EC/77/58 AND FRG VIEWS ON THAT DOCUMENT FOR USE AT SEPT 8 CSCE EXPERTS MEETING.

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2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH FRG COMMENTS ON PAGE 1, PARA 2; PAGE 3, FOOTNOTE (1); AND PAGE 4, PARA 11.

3. FORMULATION PROPOSED BY FRG RE PAGE 4, PARA 12 CONCERNING FUTURE NATO DISCUSSIONS OF BREZHNEV PROPOSALS PRIOR TO OPENING OF BELGRADE IS ACCEPTABLE.

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4. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT PARA 14 (C) AS IT STANDS SHOULD BE DELETED AND NEW PARA SHOULD ADDRESS ITSELF ONLY TO PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND IMPEDIMENT TO TRADE CAUSED BY INCONVERTIBILITY AND UNREALISTIC EXCHANGE RATES. DISCUSSION AT BELGRADE RE SOVIET OR EE PARTICIPATION IN IMF SHOULD BE AVOIDED (PAGE 5, PARA 14 (C) AND PAGE 3, PARA 6).

5. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT AGREE WITH FRG OBJECTION TO COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS "AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE." DEPARTMENT DOES AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT FIRST SENTENCE OF PAGE 6, PARA 14 (I) SHOULD BE DELETED AS IT STANDS. SUBSTITUTE NOT REPEAT NOT CONTAINING PHRASE "SHOULD CURTAIL" WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF OTHER COUNTRIES SO DESIRE.

6. DEPARTMENT WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS FRG POSITION THAT FOOTNOTE 1 TO PAGE 6 AS IT STANDS IS RPT IS CONTRADICTORY TO THE CSCE FINAL ACT.

7. LANGUAGE OF DIRECTORATE PAPER IN PARA 7 AND 14D PREJUDGES ISSUE IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE DUMPING. SUCH BROAD ALLEGATIONS SHOULD BE AVOIDED, ESPECIALLY AT BELGRADE,ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EASTERN COUNTRIES TO TAKE WESTERN ANTIDUMPING LEGISLATION INTO ACCOUNT.

8. IN ADDITION, IT APPEARS THAT INSUFFICIENT DISTINCTION
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IS MADE AMONG VARIOUS EASTERN EUROPEAN TRADING PRACTICES. INSTEAD OF CONDEMNING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ACROSS THE BOARD, DISCUSSION AT BELGRADE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY FORMULATED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THESE DIFFERENCES WHERE THEY EXIST, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT NAMING SPECIFIC COUNTRIES. VANCE

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